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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/510,021	<b>Applicant(s)</b> COLE ET AL.	
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### Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 November 2009.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,4,5,12-14,18,20,21,24,43-47,62,64 and 72 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1,4,5,12-14,18,20,21,43-47,62,64 and 72 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 24 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)                    | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)           |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____                                      |
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### **DETAILED ACTION**

1. Applicants' Response to Office Action, received 19 November 2009, is acknowledged.

Claims 1, 4, 5, 12, 13, 14, 18, 20, 21, 24, 44, 45, 47, 62, 64 and 72 have been amended.

Claims 19, 22, 23, 26, 29, 48, 49 and 57 have been cancelled.

2. Claims 1, 4, 5, 12-14, 18, 20, 21, 24, 43-47, 62, 64 and 72 are pending and under consideration.

### **Rejections Moot or Withdrawn**

3. The rejection of claims 19, 22, 23, 29, 48, 49 and 57 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for "fragments thereof" and "parts of genes", is moot in light of the cancellation of the claims.

4. The rejection of claim 23 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for "most of the immunogenic peptides", is moot in light of the cancellation of the claim.

5. The rejection of claims 48, 49 and 57 under 35 U.S.C. 12, second paragraph, for not setting forth steps, is moot in light of the cancellation of the claims.

6. The rejection of claim 26 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for sequence description, is moot in light of the cancellation of the claim.

7. The rejection of claims 48, 49 and 57 under 35 U.S.C. 101, is moot in light of the cancellation of the claims.

8. The rejection of claims 4, 5, 12-14, 18, 20, 21, 43-47, 62, 64 and 72 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for "fragments thereof" and "parts of genes", is withdrawn in light of the amendment of the claims.

9. The rejection of claim 47 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for "derived", is withdrawn in light of the amendment of the claim.

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10. The rejection of claims 1 and 24 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for sequence description, is withdrawn in light of the amendment of the claims.

### **Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112**

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

11. Newly amended claim 24 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

As newly amended, claim 24 is drawn to an *M. bovis* BCG::RD1 strain which has integrated therein SEQ ID NO:1, and which is contained in the *E. coli* strain deposited at the CNCM under the accession number I-2831.

It is unclear how a BCG strain is "contained in" an *E. coli* strain.

### **Conclusion**

12. Claims 24 remains rejected.

13. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a)

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will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Rodney P. Swartz, Ph.D., Art Unit 1645, whose telephone number is (571) 272-0865. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Wednesday from 9:00 AM to 7:30 PM EST. Thursday is the examiner's work at home day.

If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, please contact the Examiner's Supervisor, Robert B. Mondesi (571)272-0956.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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/Rodney P. Swartz, Ph.D./

Primary Examiner, Art Unit 1645

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